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REMARKS

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1. Two twin-engine aircraft made practice flights at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 2 October 1950. Five planes were parked at the field, whereas only three or four planes had been seen the preceding week. * Now aircraft did not arrive at the field between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2. Fuel was put into the tank trucks [redacted] from a railroad tank car on the intersection of Spreewaldbahn with Burgerstrasse. Truck [redacted] carried the personnel to the field. Motor vehicles [redacted] and [redacted] were seen at the field. **

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3. Work on the eastern extension of the runway was completed. Workers were grading the western section of the field between the runway and the woods. [redacted] the work was to be completed in about three weeks. The construction staff was already being reduced.

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4. Between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. on 3 October 1950 two biplanes and 22 twin-engine aircraft landed at the field and taxied immediately to the parking sites in front of the hangars. * No practice flights were made. The radio truck which was on the runway left at 11:30 a.m.

5. No aircraft landed at the field between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 4 October 1950.

6. The Drewitz (O 52/A 68) airfield was observed at 10 a.m. on 5 October 1950. All aircraft previously seen there had left. The ground personnel were loading billeting and other equipment on trucks [redacted]

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The tents which had been used as quarters by the III were taken down. [redacted] were identified. **

7. At 2 p.m. on 5 October 1950, 28 to 30 twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of the hangars at the Cottbus airfield. The planes were of the same type as previously observed there. * Trucks [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment, [redacted] entered the field. **

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8. Soviet soldiers were constructing a fuel dump, about 150 meters square, at km-stone 3.0 on the northern edge of the road to Burg. *** A wooden fence was being erected. About 11 containers were seen. Five containers were about 2x5 meters and the rest about 1x2 meters. Two containers of each size were not yet dug in.

* Comment. The Cottbus airfield was apparently reoccupied on 1 or 2 October 1950 by one bomber regiment equipped with PE-2s. The regiment presumably came from Drewitz since the evacuation of the Drewitz airfield was reported at the same time. 50X1-HUM

** Comment. the bomber regiment was previously stationed in Drewitz. This indicates that the regiment was only temporarily transferred to Drewitz. 50X1-HUM

*** Comment. The construction of a fuel dump is reported for the first time. The information on the dimensions of the containers indicates that the dump has a total capacity of about 135,000 liters. 50X1-HUM

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